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Thursday Bulletin



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Never worry about
 the size of your
Christmas tree.
 In the eyes of children,
 they are all 30 feet tall.

- Larry Wilde

Merry Christmas everyone! The excitement of young children at this time of year makes December very special. I love the Christmas carols and the annual Nativity and the buzz around the school. Let's face it however; Christmas can be stressful, from shopping for the perfect gifts to cooking a feast for the family!

Here are some quotes to help you through the holidays:

Christmas: the only time of year you can sit in front of a dead tree eating candy out of socks.
Anonymous

Christmas Eve, a perfect night to express affection for your family, to forgive those who failed you, and to forget past mistakes. *Unknown*

Do give books – religious or otherwise – for Christmas. They're never fattening, seldom sinful, and permanently personal. *Lenore Hershey*

Like snowflakes, my Christmas memories gather and dance - each beautiful, unique and too soon gone. *Anonymous*

Probably the reason we all go so haywire at Christmas time with the endless unrestrained and often silly buying of gifts is that we don't quite know how to put our love into words.
Harlan Miller

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas full of love.

FOPS



FOPS would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the last term.

This term we have raised over £9,000 - an amazing effort which includes money raised from the Fireworks Fiesta, Christmas card project, Christmas shop, Nativity DVD sales and Christmas Party. We couldn't do this without the support given and generosity of our volunteers - whether you shopped, served teas and coffees, were on a sub-committee, ran a stall, sourced donations, participated or supervised at an event - thank you!

We have donated just under £5,800 to the school which includes items such as the fantastic

new pop up stage, subsidising the recent Theatre Trip and the ice-creams for the children as well as funding year 2 swimming, the class Christmas gifts and the Christingles. We also donated £100 to the Purley memorial bench to commemorate the recent centenary.

We are of course already planning more fundraising events and activities for 2019 including a Quiz night on the 8th March, Second hand School Uniform sale (date tbc), Summer Fete on 29th June and the Thameside Fireworks Fiesta on Sunday 3rd November to name but a few! If you have some spare time to help out, please get in touch!

Happy Christmas!

GOVERNORS

On behalf of all of the Governors, we would like to wish all Purley Primary children, parents and of course the wonderful staff team, a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Catherine Hester, Chair of Governors

YEAR 1 WOODLAND SCHOOL



The Year 1 children will return to Basildon Park after the February half term. *Mrs Hodsdon*

YEAR 2 SWIMMING



The swimming lessons will restart on Monday 14th January until Monday 25th March (excl 18/02 as it's half term week).

CHARITIES

Thank you for your kind donations on Tuesday. You've raised £110 which will be split between Save the Children and the Children's Society.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The children really enjoyed their Christingle Service at St Mary's Church where they were asked to keep Jesus' light shining in the world.

Thank you also to Sainsburys Woodley for donating all the oranges for our Christingles and thank you to Cypher and Evans' mum for organising it.

HEDGEHOG CLASS



The children have shared an exciting Christmas-themed week making, writing, colouring, dancing, singing, counting, and playing! We have been so proud of the way all the children have embraced a 'have a go' enthusiastic attitude to learning this term, and we are looking forward to the exciting topics the New Year will bring. We would like to thank all parents and carers for your support and we hope you all enjoy a very happy, peaceful Christmas! *Mrs Burton*

BADGER CLASS



Badger class have enjoyed finding out about Christingles and what each part represents. We took great care when making our Christingles for the service and found them totally magical once lit in the church.

After the Christmas lunch we had a surprise visit from Father Christmas and were amazed at the wonderful gifts he left for our class. What lucky children we are and we shall enjoy playing with them together.

The children have had a lovely half term and are looking forward to starting our new topic, "Shall We Call the Doctor?" next term.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! *Mrs Lyn-Jones*

OWL CLASS



This week in Owl class, the children have been completing their mountain fact books and have continued sharing their home learning projects. In maths, the children have consolidated their learning this term with some Christmas maths activities.

In preparation for our service at church on Thursday, the children have enjoyed making Christingles. We have been reflecting on the significance of Christingle and the true meaning of Christmas.

On behalf of myself and Mrs Pickering I would like to wish all the children in Owl class and their families a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2019! *Mrs Whyte*

WOODPECKER CLASS



The children have continued to work really hard this week. They have carried out a systematic investigation of a mathematical pattern, created a range of parabolic curves using only straight lines and used their knowledge of probability, addition and subtraction to work out how to maximise their total profit in a lobster-farming simulation.

In English, they have worked towards creating ShowMe videos demonstrating how to use different parts of speech.

In Science, they carried out another irreversible chemical reaction. Using two reactants - bicarbonate of soda (a solid) and vinegar (a liquid) - they created a new product: gaseous carbon dioxide, which was used to inflate some festive balloons. *Mrs Archer*

STARS OF THE WEEK



Hedgehog Class

Star of the week: Esme for writing a super letter to Santa

Friendship Star: Freya for always being kind to everyone

Paragon: Rafa

Superstar: Phoebe Tigwell for her enthusiastic approach to all she does

Badger Class

Star of the week: Ollie for knowing his KIRF confidently

Friendship Star: Isaak for helping his friends have a happy playtime

Paragon: Layla

Superstar: Jessica for challenging herself to up level her work in all areas

Owl Class

Stars of the week: Mia for her inspiring presentation about the female mountaineer, Junko Tabei.

Friendship Star: Frankie for showing kindness and concern when a friend was upset.

Paragon: Elliott

Superstar: Toby for his hard work in all lessons and attitude to learning.

Woodpecker Class

Star of the week: Elyssa for outstanding research, collaboration and presentation

Friendship Star: Emily for excellent support and kindness to all

Paragons: Cypher and Evans

Superstar: Natalya for outstanding kindness and for coordinating the friendship leaders in school

DIARY DATES

20/12/18	End of Autumn Term 2, 1.15 p.m
21/12/18-04/01/19	Christmas Break
07/01/19	Start of Spring Term 1
14/01/19	Year 2 Swimming restarts
13/02/19	Parents Evening, 3.30-6.00 pm
14/02/19	Parents Evening, 6.00-8.00 pm
15/02/19	End of Spring Term 1, 3.00 p.m
18/02/19-22/02/19	February Half Term
25/02/19	Start of Spring Term 2
25/02/19	Year 1 Woodland School restarts
08/03/19	FOPS Quiz
05/04/19	End of Spring Term 2, 1.15 p.m
08/04/19-23/04/19	Easter Break
24/04/19	Start of Summer Term 1
23/05/19	End of Summer Term 1, 3.00 p.m
24/05/19-31/05/19	May Half Term
03/06/19	Start of Summer Term 2
29/06/19	Summer Fair
24/07/19	End of Academic Year, 1.15 p.m

As always, please remember our doors are open, should you wish to discuss any concerns, ask questions or celebrate successes regarding your children. You can contact me by phone on 0118 9842384 or email: headteacher@purley.w-berks.sch.uk

Karen Fakes (Headteacher),
Learn to Love, love to Learn

Community Page

Why not become a Flood Warden?

From time to time some roads and houses in the lower village flood. When it happens the flood wardens put on their wellies or waders and help people to cope with the situation. Those who are unsteady on their feet or housebound welcome a friendly face and someone making sure they don't run out of food. It's not a difficult or dangerous job, but it's something you can do to help in the community. Usually the floods only last for a couple of weeks and they don't always happen every year. If you would like to know more or join the volunteer flood wardens, please get in touch with the Parish office. 0118 984 4507, Email: asstclerk@purleyonthames.net. *David Briscoe, Flood Warden Co-Ordinator*